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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16, 17 and 23-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16, 17 and 23-41 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16, 17, 23, 27, 28, 36 and 40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference characters "503" and "510" have both been used to designate a second collimator. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, "the arranging a first part of collimators before start of scanning in a field of view", "several carrying members" and "first and second part of collimator" as claimed in independent claims 16-17 and 40 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). Figure 5 shows a field of view, 509 but fails to show that the collimators are arranged partly in the field of view. No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended

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replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: "the 10 parts of images" as claimed in independent claim 17 is not described in the specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 16-17, 23, 27, 28, 36 and 40 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The claims are replete with grammatical errors to numerous to mention specifically. The claims should be revised carefully. Examples of such errors are:

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In claim 16 at line 4, "said slots" should read --said slot--;

at line 4-5, "- rays" should read --X-rays--;

at lines 8-10 are awkward and should be rephrased, for example what is meant by the phrases "in parallel arranged detector arrangement" and "one or several carrying members"?

at line 11, "at least least" should read --on at least--;

at line 12, "member" should read --members--;

at line 18 and 20, "the said" should read --said-, "constant speed" should read - constant second speed--;

at line 20, "the first collimator" should read --the first part of the collimators--;

at line 22, "wherein the further steps or lacks proper antecedent and should read --and-.

In claim 17, at line 22, "the 10 parts of images" lacks antecedent basis.

In claim 23, at line 3, "a carrying member" should read --said one or several carrying members--.

Regarding claims 23, 28 and 36, parts of the claims are failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim such that it causes claim informalities.

Similar informalities exist throughout the claims. Appropriate revision/correction of all claims is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 16-17, 23-41, the prior art fails to teach a method for scanning in an x-ray apparatus having steps of arranging a first part of collimators before start of the scanning in a field of view while the second part of the collimators are outside the field of view and starting the scan from a first position and said collimators and detectors having a first speed, wherein an array of the detectors are provide in communication with a elongated slot and the detectors are arranged substantially edge to edge and side by side at least one side of a carrying member as claimed in independent claims 16-17 and 40.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claims objections, specification objection and drawing objections.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoon Song whose telephone number is (571) 272-2494. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Glick can be reached on (571) 272 - 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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